CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION
Councilmember Waterfield gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Moats led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Michael Moats, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT AND REMOTE:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Fire Chief Leonard Champion, Principal Planner Dana Eady, Chief of Police Phillip Hansen, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, Planning Division Manager Ryan Hostetter, City Librarian Mary Housel, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Chief Human Resources Officer Elena Morelos, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, and Deputy City Clerk Beth Cleary

1 PROCLAMATIONS

A. Councilmember Moats presented a Proclamation recognizing the week of October 3 - October 9, 2020, as Active Aging Week in the City of Santa Maria, with the focus on representing all the dimensions of wellness emphasizing physical activity, life enrichment, social well-being, and community engagement.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Written communication was received from Melanie Little regarding the importance of proper tree care in the City. Phil Hamer also wrote in requesting additional bike lanes in the City.

City Manager Stilwell gave a brief COVID-19 update.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR
Consent Calendar Items 3A-3I were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2020-93, 2020-94, 2020-95, and 2020-96. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 1, 2020.

Action: Minutes approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Review staff's recommended responses to the 2019-20 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report regarding – "*Juveniles in Gangs in Santa Barbara County*"; and authorize the Mayor to sign and transmit the City's Response to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, a copy to the current impaneled Civil Grand Jury, and to file a copy with the City Clerk's Office.

Action: Grand Jury response on Juveniles in Gangs approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

D. Adopt Resolutions declaring the intention to renew the newly named Santa Maria Valley Tourism Marketing District (SMVTMD) and fixing the time and place for a public hearing; and requesting the consent of the City of Guadalupe and County of Santa Barbara to renew the SMVTMD.

Action: Intention to move forward with renewal of SMVTMD (previously SMTID) approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution Nos. 2020-93 & 2020-94. 5-0.

E. 1) Accept as complete the public improvements associated with Preisker Commercial Center, Tract 6003 subdivision, and authorize the release of a Faithful Performance Bond [#1001069999] in the amount of $298,137.50 posted in the form of a Surety to guarantee the construction and installation of public improvements; and

2) Accept as complete the public landscaping and irrigation improvements associated with Preisker Commercial Center, Tract 6003, and authorize the release of a Faithful Performance Bond [#1001070002] in the original amount of $49,320.10 posted in the form of a Surety to guarantee the installation of public landscaping and irrigation improvements; and

3) Order that the Contractor, Labor, and Material Bond in the amount of $149,068.75 and the Guarantee and Defective Material Bond in the amount of $29,813.75 be retained for six (6) months and one (1) year, respectively, from the date of the release of the Faithful Performance Bond for public improvements.

Action: Preisker Commercial Center project accepted as complete and bonds released.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

F. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

G. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

H. Adopt a Resolution approving an agreement with the County of Santa Barbara, the City of Lompoc, the City of Goleta, and the City of Santa Barbara to provide for the operation of a Countywide Free Library System for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Action: Countywide Library Agreement approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.

I. Adopt a Resolution authorizing disposal fees for the Santa Maria Regional Landfill effective October 1, 2020.

Action: Disposal fees at landfill approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-96. 5-0.

4 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **BLOSSER-SOUTHEAST (AREA 5B) SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT AND GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT** The City Council considered a recommendation of the Planning Commission to review a (1) Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, (2) a Specific Plan Amendment (SPZ2016-0002), and (3) a General Plan Land Use Map Amendment and Zone Change (GPZ2016-0003) for the Maretti-Blosser Family LP to amend the Blosser-Southeast Specific Plan (Area 5B) to modify the land use and zoning designations and planned infrastructure in a PD/RSL-1 (Planned Development/Single Family Small Lot Residential), PD/R-2 (Planned Development/Medium Density Residential), PD/R-3 (Planned Development/High Density Residential), PD/PF (Planned Development/Public Facilities), PD/OS (Planned Development/Open Space), and PD/CC (Planned Development/ Convenience Center) district.

On August 5, 2020, the Planning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the project to the City Council.

Principal Planner Eady gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. Laurie Tamura made oral comments regarding changes requested by the applicant.

Public Hearing
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 7:34.

Written comment was received from Laurie Tamura expressing concern with traffic issues (roundabouts vs. traffic signals), dealing with the flood control channel, and landscaping. Esau Blanco also wrote in asking the Council to carefully consider traffic control so as to avoid any future issues.

Michael Grogan spoke in support of the project adding that it will be densely populated and traffic signals would make better crossings for children. He encouraged the Council to consider a pedestrian crossing to help mitigate issues with railroad track crossings.

Mayor Patino closed the Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m.

Action: Adopt a Resolution certifying a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report making California Environmental Quality Act findings, adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations and adopting a Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Blosser-Southeast (Area 5B) Specific Plan Amendment, General Plan Land Use Map Amendment and Zone Change, located at the Northeast corner of South Blosser Road and West Battles Road.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-97. 5-0.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving a General Plan Land Use Policy Map amendment for approximately 146 acres located at the Northeast Corner of South Blosser Road and West Battles Road.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-98. 5-0.

Action: Introduce an Ordinance, and continue to a future meeting for second reading and adoption, amending the official zoning map for the Blosser-Southeast (Area 5B) Specific Plan Amendment, General Plan Land Use Map Amendment, and Zone Change Project at the Northeast Corner of South Blosser Road and West Battles Road.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving an amendment to approximately 146 acres of the Blosser-Southeast (Area 5B) Specific Plan located at the northeast corner of South Blosser Road and West Battles Road, and declaring consistency with the General Plan, with two modifications: 1) remove the pedestrian bridge crossing over Depot Street; and 2) include traffic signals at the intersections of Western Avenue and Stowell Road, and Western Avenue and Battles Road.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Noes: Councilmember Soto.

Action: Introduce an Ordinance, and continue to a future meeting for second reading and adoption, approving an amendment to approximately 146 acres of the Blosser-Southeast (Area 5B) Specific Plan located at the northeast corner of South Blosser Road and West Battles Road, and declaring consistency with the zoning.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-10 introduced. 5-0.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER
City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be October 6, 2020. Items on the agenda would include two proclamations (Code Enforcement Appreciation Week and Fire Prevention Week.) He also reminded everyone to complete the Census by 9/30/2020, saying that, for every person not counted the City loses $2,000 annually in funding.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)
Councilmembers Moats and Waterfield had no reportable AB1234 items.

Councilmember Cordero announced that the Community Action Commission has renamed itself CommUnify.

Councilmember Soto reported she attended a Latinas and Indigenous Migrants COVID-19 Response Task Force meeting and a Downtown Revitalization Committee Meetings.

Mayor Patino reported she attended a Policy Board Meeting with the Monterey Bay Community Power (AKA Central Coast Community Energy); a Santa Maria Key Leaders teleconference; a couple of Legislative COVID-19 briefing calls; a North County Subregional Meeting; the September 11th Commemoration Ceremony; a Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley Board meeting; a Mayors and City Managers meeting; and a Rotary meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned in memory of Judge Royce Lewellen at 7:51 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on October 6, 2020.

M. Beth Cleary, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

M. Beth Cleary, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria